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October 13, 2015


The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**ADOPTED**

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

23 October 13, 2015

  
PATRICK OGAWA  
ACTING EXECUTIVE OFFICER

**ACCEPT DONATION FROM THE WATSON LAND COMPANY  
THROUGH THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY LIBRARY FOUNDATION  
FOR THE CARSON LIBRARY  
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 2) (3 VOTES)**

**SUBJECT**

The Public Library is recommending that the Board of Supervisors accept a donation for the Carson Library.

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:**

1. Accept a donation of \$100,000 from the Watson Land Company, through the Los Angeles County Library Foundation, to be used for much needed maintenance and repairs for the Carson Library.
2. Instruct the Acting Executive Officer of the Board of Supervisors to send a letter of thanks to the Watson Land Company and the Los Angeles County Library Foundation for the generous donation.

**PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Approval of the recommended actions will enhance library services at the Carson Library. The donation will provide additional funds for the planned maintenance and repairs at the Carson Library.

**Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

Approval of the recommended actions is consistent with the County's Strategic Plan Goals in the area of Operational Effectiveness/Fiscal Sustainability (Goal 1) and Integrated Services Delivery (Goal 3).

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

A donation totaling \$80,000 has been received by the Los Angeles County Library Foundation from the Watson Land Company and will be transferred to the Public Library upon Board approval. The Watson Land Company has committed an additional \$20,000 to be disbursed to the Public Library through the Los Angeles County Library Foundation in Spring of 2016.

Acceptance of these funds does not require matching funds from the Public Library and does not commit the County to provide ongoing services.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

County policy requires that donations of \$10,000 and over be submitted to the Board of Supervisors for acceptance. Acceptance of this donation is consistent with Government code Section 25355.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

The recommended actions are not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because they do not constitute a project according to Section 15378 of CEQA.

### **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

This generous donation from the Watson Land Company, through the Los Angeles County Library Foundation, will enable the Public Library to enhance service levels at the Carson Library.

### **CONCLUSION**

Attached are two draft letters of appreciation to the Watson Land Company and the Los Angeles County Library Foundation. Please instruct the Acting Executive Officer of the Board of Supervisors to send the letters to:

Bruce A. Choate  
President and Chief Executive Officer  
Watson Land Company  
22010 Wilmington Avenue  
Carson, CA 90745

And

John Donner, Chairman  
Los Angeles County Library Foundation  
1305 N. Columbus Ave., Unit 217  
Glendale, CA 91202

If there are any questions or there is a need for additional information, please contact me at (562) 940-8412.

The Honorable Board of Supervisors

10/13/2015

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Yolanda De Ramus". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Yolanda" being more prominent than the last name "De Ramus".

YOLANDA DE RAMUS

County Librarian

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Enclosures

c: Chief Executive Office  
County Counsel  
Executive Office, Board of Supervisors  
Auditor-Controller

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS LETTERHEAD**

October 14, 2015

Bruce A. Choate  
President and Chief Executive Officer  
Watson Land Company  
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Carson, CA 90745

Dear Mr. Choate:

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The Board members have requested that I express their appreciation to the Watson Land Company for this generous donation.

Very truly yours,

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